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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 08 August 2019 requesting the following information:

This is an information request relating to building utilisation. Please include the following information: The total numbers of buildings owned or rented by the department that were vacant in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19; The total costs associated with empty buildings that were owned or rented by the department in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. This includes security, insurance, maintenance and renovation. The approximate proportion of floorspace that is not utilised in occupied buildings. Please indicate the total square footage of the building, and the total square footage of the unutilised space. If your department has more than 30 sites (including agencies and public bodies), please include information relating only to the headquarters buildings.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held as follows:

The total numbers of buildings owned or rented by the department that were vacant in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

None.

The total costs associated with empty buildings that were owned or rented by the department in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Not applicable.

The approximate proportion of floorspace that is not utilised in occupied buildings.

None. The building is fully utilised.

Under section 16 FOIA (Advice and Assistance) please note that as the department has more than 30 sites this information relates to MOD headquarters only, as specified in your request.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

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